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Chapter ___
Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Statistical Commission held its thirty-fifth session at United Nations Headquarters from 2 to 5 March 2004. The Commission held six meetings (1st to 6th).

2. The session was opened by the Vice-Chairman of the thirty-fourth session, Gilberto Calvillo Vives (Mexico).

B. Attendance

3. The session was attended by 24 States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and a non-member State, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations also attended. The list of participants is contained in annex ___.

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C. Election of officers

4. At its 1st meeting, on 2 March, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairman:
Katherine Wallman (United States of America)

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Vice-Chairmen:
Gilberto Calvillo Vives (Mexico)
Jong-Nam Oh (Republic of Korea)
Vladimir Sokolin (Russian Federation)

Rapporteur:
K. A. Twum-Baah (Ghana)

D. Agenda and organization of work

5. At its 1st meeting, on 2 March, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda contained in document E/CN.3/2004/1, which read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Demographic and social statistics:
   (a) Social statistics (programme review);
   (b) Siena Group for Social Statistics;
   (c) Health statistics;
   (d) Human settlement statistics;
   (e) Statistics of drugs and drug use;
   (f) Paris Group on Labour and Compensation;
   (g) Poverty statistics.
4. Economic statistics:
   (a) National accounts;
   (b) Service statistics;
   (c) Tourism statistics;
   (d) International Comparison Programme;
   (e) Statistics of science and technology;
   (f) Information and communication technologies statistics;
   (g) Round Table on Business Survey Frames;
   (h) Delhi Group on Informal Sector Statistics.
5. Natural resources and environment statistics.
6. Activities not classified by field:
   (a) Implementation of the fundamental principles of official statistics;
   (b) International economic and social classifications;
   (c) Indicators;
   (d) Statistical capacity-building;

(e) Presentation of statistical data and metadata;

(f) Common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata;

(g) Coordination of ongoing methodological work;

(h) Follow-up to Economic and Social Council policy decisions;

(i) Coordination and integration of statistical programmes;

(j) Programme questions (United Nations Statistics Division).

7. Provisional agenda and dates for the thirty-sixth session of the Commission.

8. Report of the Commission on its thirty-fifth session.

6. At the same meeting, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs addressed the Commission. General statements were also made by the representatives of Qatar (on behalf of the States members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China) and Ireland (on behalf of the States members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union).

7. Also at the same meeting, the Commission approved the organization of work of the session (E/CN.3/2004/L.1).

8. At the same meeting, the Commission agreed to the participation in its thirty-fifth session of the following intergovernmental organizations: Economic and Statistical Observatory of Sub-Saharan Africa; Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics; Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Center for Islamic Countries; and Bank for International Settlements.

E. Documentation

9. The list of documents before the Commission at its thirty-fifth session is contained in annex ___.